# In 2004, we begin testing new methods.

## Technology is changing rapidly.

The Census Bureau plans to use state-of-the-art tools to conduct the next national census more efficiently.

In 2004, we are testing new ideas at selected sites across the country. We need people for *temporary* census jobs. We want people to work in their own communities — to visit households and interview residents.

This brochure explains **what happens next** — after you complete an application and take the employment test for a 2004 Census job.

Thank you for your time and interest in the U.S. Census Bureau's 2004 Census Test

#### For more information

Toll free: 1-800-819-4215 Enumerator (census taker) pay rate: \$10.75 per hour TDD: 1-404-730-3963

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## What Happens Next?

You've Applied for a 2004 Census Job









#### You've Taken the First Step!

Thank you for taking the time to apply for a census position. You have just completed the first step in the application process. Your application information and test score will be keyed into our applicant database.

#### What Happens Next?

Information from your application is used to perform a background check. When work becomes available in your community, applicants who meet minimum qualifications are eligible to be hired. Minimum qualifications include a correctly completed application, proper identification, a favorable background check, and successful completion of our employment test.

#### Job Offers

After you become qualified, your being hired depends on how much work is available in your community, your test score, whether you applied before selection was completed, your language skills, veteran's status, and the number of hours you are available to work each week.

Please understand that not every qualified applicant is hired. You will not hear from us unless we can offer you a job. If we cannot reach you by telephone, we will call the next qualified applicant.

#### **Communication**

Unfortunately, due to the numbers of applicants who apply and take the employment test, we cannot contact everyone about the status of their application.

#### **On-the-Job Training**

Selected applicants will receive paid training. The length of training varies depending on the operation and assignment.

After completing training, census takers receive work assignments that vary in length depending on the amount of work required in a particular neighborhood.

#### Work Schedules

For enumerators (census takers) and crew leaders jobs, work schedules are flexible. For office jobs, hours are less variable.

In the field, some census operations require you to work during daylight hours. For operations which require interviewing the public, you must be available to work when people are usually at home. This includes evenings and weekends.

Both full-time and part-time hours can vary between day and evening schedules.

## Tell your family and friends...

Field positions are a very important part of the 2004 Census Test.

Our success depends on recruiting enough qualified candidates for the enumerator (census taker) positions in each community involved in the 2004 Census Test.

### Your Involvement is Important!

In 2004, the Census Bureau is testing new ways of making the national census in 2010 easier, more accurate and less costly.

You, your family and friends can contribute while working part-time for competitive pay.

For more information about 2004 Census jobs, call our toll free number 1-800-819-4215.